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1. SUMMARY. HIGH LEVEL TANGOV DELEGATION RETURNED
DECEMBER 15 FROM THREE WEEK TOUR OF SIX MIDDLE EAST
NATIONS, BUT MAJOR TANGIBLE BENEFITS FOR TANZANIA HAVE
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NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED. COMMON TO MOST OF DELEGATION'S STOPS

IN SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, SYRIA, IRAQ, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AND YEMEN (ADEN) WERE MEETINGS WITH HIGH GOVERNMENT LEADERS, MUTUAL ENDORSEMENT OF ARAB AND AFRICAN POLITICAL STANDS, PROMISES OF INCREASED TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND INVITATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO VISIT TANZANIA. ABSENT WERE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MAJOR ARAB AID, SPECIAL DEALS ON OIL, OR ARAB INVESTMENT.

2. HIGH LEVEL TANGOV DELEGATION LED BY FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ABOUD JUMBE, AND INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA, FINANCE MINISTER MSUYA, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE MOYO, LEFT DAR ES SALAAM NOVEMBER 26 FOR THREE WEEK TOUR OF MIDDLE EAST. AS DELEGATION LEFT, GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS SPECULATED EDITORIALLY THAT IT MIGHT DISCUSS "DIRECT OIL AND OTHER FORMS OF TRADE" WITH HOST COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS "WAYS IN WHICH ARAB COUNTRIES COULD INVEST IN AFRICA PART OF THE VAST SUM OF MONEY THEY EARN FROM OIL." DELEGATION RETURNED DECEMBER 15, AND VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE REPORTED ON TRIP TO PRESIDENT NYERERE AT BUTIAMA WHERE LATTER IS VACATIONING OVER CHRISTMAS. FOLLOWING IS COMPILED FROM LOCAL PRESS REPORTS:

3. SAUDI ARABIA: JUMBE HAD HOUR-LONG AUDIENCE WITH KING FAISAL, AND DELEGATION LATER MET WITH OTHER SAUDI LEADERS, BUT CONCRETE RESULTS HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED.

4. EGYPT: DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SADAT, AND HELD TALKS WITH VICE PRESIDENT HUSAYN AL-SHAF'I AND OTHER GOVERNMENT LEADERS. JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONDEMNED ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB LANDS, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM, AND CALLED FOR RESTORATION OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINE PEOPLE WHOSE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE IS PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO). COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMED SUPPORT OF AFRICA LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND OF NON-ALIGNMENT, AND PROMISED INCREASED TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION. EGYPT EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS MEET TANZANIAN NEEDS FOR TECHNICIANS AND WILL SEND HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO TANZANIA TO DISCUSS COOPERATION AND TRADE, WHILE MINISTERIAL COMMISSION WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT FOREIGN MINISTERS' LEVEL TO DISCUSS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BILATERAL RELATIONS PERIODICALLY. SHAF'I ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT TANZANIA.

5. SYRIA: JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED AT DAMASCUS CALLED FOR TALKS IN FRAMEWORK OF GENEVA CONFERENCE BETWEEN PARTIES TO MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, IN ORDER IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS FOR UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES AND FOR "SECURING OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN

ARAB PEOPLE." IT ALSO HAILED IMMINENT LIBERATION OF PORTUGUESE AFRICA AND CALLED FOR SIMILAR VICTORIES IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, FRENCH SOMALILAND, COMOROS, SEYCHELLES, AND SOUTH AFRICA. COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES AND OAU "FOR ELIMINATION OF ZIONIST, RACIST AND ISRAELI DANGER TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENT", AND FOR INCREASED ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION GENERALLY. FINALLY, IT ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE STRENGTHENED BILATERAL COOPERATION. AN INVITATION TO SYRIAN PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO VISIT TANZANIA WAS ACCEPTED FOR DATE TO BE DETERMINED LATER.

6. IRAQ: JUMBE SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR INCREASED COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE WHICH IS TO RAISE TANZANIAN-IRAQI TRADE TO LEVEL OF ONE MILLION DINARS PER YEAR, WITH A JOINT COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED ON DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC TIES, AND IRAQ PROMISED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. JUMBE PRAISED TALKS, AND SAID ARABS HAD RIGHT TO USE OIL AND WEALTH AS WEAPON AGAINST ZIONISM AND ITS ALLIES. JOINT COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES IN PALESTINE AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND PROMISED IRAQI-TANZANIAN COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND LIQUIDATION OF "IMPERIALISM AND RACIST REGIMES." IT CONCLUDED BY DEPLORING "HINTS TO USE FORCE MADE BY IMPERIALISM, THE GUARDIAN OF OIL MONOPOLIES, AGAINST OIL-PRODUCING STATES."

7. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: JUMBE WAS TAKEN BY HELICOPTER TO MEET UAE PRESIDENT NUHAYEN 185 KM. WEST OF ABU DHABI. DURING VISIT JUMBE MADE BY-NOW USUAL OBEISANCE TO ARAB MIDDLE EAST POLICY, AND PRESIDENT NUHAYEN ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT TANZANIA AT DATE TO BE FIXED. THEY DISCUSSED ECONOMIC MATTERS, BUT NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN RELEASED.
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8. PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF YEMEN: IN ADEN, FINAL STOP OF TOUR, THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ENDORESE LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS, AND RECOGNIZED PLO AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINAINS, WHILE RECIPROCALLY ENDORSING AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IT SAID LEADERS DISCUSSED ECONOMIC, TECHINCAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND BELIEVED THERE WAS POTENTIAL FOR PURPOSEFUL DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA. PRIME MINISTER HASANI AGREED TO VISIT TANZANIA SOMETIME.

9. ON HIS RETURN TO DAR ES SALAAM, JUMBE TOLD PRESS THAT A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND SIGNED DURING TRIP, AS BEGINNING OF BETTER UNDERSTANDING. HE ALSO PRAISED ARAB

IRRIGATION, AND SAID THERE WERE AGREEMENTS UNDER WHICH ARAB COUNTRIES WOULD EXCHANGE IRRIGATION EXPERTS WITH TANZANIA.

10. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH JUMBE GAVE FULL SUPPORT TO POLICIES OF HIS HOSTS, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE AS YET THAT HE BROUGHT BACK MUCH CONCRETE AID TO SHOW FOR IT, THOUGH MOST DETAILED REPORTS SO FAR HAVE BEEN ABOUT STOPS IN COUNTRIES WITH COMPARATIVELY LITTLE TO OFFER, LIKE SYRIA AND YEMEN. NEVER-THELESS, TRIP UNDOUBTEDLY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLIDIFICATION OF THE AFRO-ARAB BLOC WHICH TANZANIA HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING AT UN AND ELSEWHERE.

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